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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
PARTIAL RESPONSE OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2000, please accept the enclosed sequence listing, a machine-readable disk including same and the required Statements under 37 C.F.R §1.821(f) and (g). Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time for response and hereby petition for the extension of time to November 19, 2000 and enclose the requisite fee therefor.